

ST. MARY PARISH

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LIVE THE LITURGY:

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Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain. When they arrive at the top, Jesus' face and clothes are transfigured to be a shining bright light. Then Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with Jesus. Peter suggests that they should put up three tents. While they were there, a cloud came over them. From the cloud came a voice saying that Jesus is God's Son, and to listen to him. The disciples fell down in fear, but Jesus told them to not be afraid. When they looked up, only Jesus was there.

In Old Testament times, mountains were places of prayer and places where God communicated with humans. God revealed Jesus as both God's Son and as the fulfillment of the law and prophets, which were represented by Moses and Elijah. It is through Jesus that we come to understand God's love and plan for the world. Jesus's life, ministry, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension tell us all that God wants to communicate to us. Jesus shared this with Peter, James, and John, so they could share it with others after his death. When we share what we know about Jesus with others, we help others know and experience God's love.

Socks and Undies Drive

The Social Justice Committee is hosting a Socks and Underwear Drive to benefit school age kids in Pre-K through Jr. High. The GMHC Family Resource



Center has notified us of this basic back to school need. Please join us in helping to fulfill this need.

Donations of new, unopened packages of socks and underwear are being collected now through Aug. 13. All sizes from 4T thru Jr-High. Please place donations in the box at the back of church. The Resource Center will distribute them to needed families before school starts.

Fall Silent Auction and Raffle

We will be having a fall silent auction and raffle like we have had the past couple of years. This year's raffle drawing and close of the silent auction will take place on October 22. Bidding for the silent auction opens on October 8. Donations of new or hand crafted items will be accepted starting September 5.

Food Shelf Weekend:

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for the food pantry at the Family Resource Center in Guttenberg.



Mass Schedule: Aug 7 – Aug 13, 2023

Mon., Aug 7: [No Mass Scheduled]

Tues., Aug 8: 8:30 A.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
"St. Dominic" *Angeline Berns & Faye Staumbach*

Wed., Aug 9: 8:30 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg
Ronald & Agnes McDonnell

Thur., Aug 10: 8:30 A.M. – Guttenberg River Living Center
"St. Lawrence" *Janice Ulbrich & Amy [Steffen] Clay*

Fri., Aug 11: [No Mass Scheduled], "St. Clare"

Sat., Aug 12: 2:00 P.M. – St. Clement, Bankston
Wedding Mass

Ronald Broxson & Jenny Lehmann



Sat., Aug 12: Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 P.M.—St. Joseph, Garnavillo
Anna Siebertz Family
5:30 P.M.—St. Mary, Guttenberg
Owen Kann & Lydia Kann

Sun., Aug 13: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. – Immaculate Conception, N. Buena Vista
10:00 A.M. – St. Mary, Guttenberg, Mass, *Live Streamed*
Louisa B. Wilker Family

As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us.

Reflect, today, upon this powerful experience given to these disciples by our Lord. Try to place yourself in the scene so as to witness Jesus transfigured in the most glorious way, with Moses and Elijah and with the thundering Voice of the Father. Allow the Father to speak also to you, telling you that all He has spoken through the Scriptures, the Church and within your own conscience is true. Allow this revelation to convince you on the deepest level to acknowledge not only the divinity of Jesus but also to “Listen to Him” in every way.

My transfigured Lord, You are glorious beyond imagination, and You revealed a small glimpse of this glory to Your disciples to help them trust You more fully. May I also trust in You more completely, knowing that all You have spoken to me is true. Please remove any doubt and fear in my life so that nothing keeps me from embracing Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.

THANK YOU - Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Missionary, Jaderial Staebler, would like to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness this past weekend. She is excited to start serving at UW-Platteville and see the ways God will bless the students through your gifts! If you would like to consider joining her on mission in any capacity or learn more about her role, **contact her at 563-880-9553** or see her personal page focus.org/missionaries/jaderial-staebler/

Knights of Columbus, August Meeting Highlights

- * Guest Jaderial Staebler talked about her mission work with FOCUS. The council discussed and decided to give her \$200 a month for a year to support her mission work.
- * Discussed the Door Fund/Special Projects Fund and decided to table the next project until it was determined what repair/maintenance needs the most attention. We are still accepting donations for the Special Projects Fund.
- * Our Benders Cookout will be August 25th and 26th
- * Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is September 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Dubourg Assembly 1573 **4th Degree Annual Steak Fry**, Tuesday, August 22, 5-7pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Peosta. Open to all 3rd and 4th degree members, wives and friends and prospective KC Members. Cost: \$20 with proceeds going to promote vocations and support Knights Charities. Call Don Scherbring, 563-252-1556 to make a reservation by August 15th.

A Stewardship Moment

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” sings the psalmist; “He answers all our needs.” Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God’s people are fed and their needs met.

Prayer for Vocations

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Faith Formation is currently seeking 4 catechists (religion teachers) for the 5th grade and 6th grade classes; ideally two adults for each class. No experience required – just a heart to share your faith! You will receive a catechist/teacher guide and student workbooks to guide you. For more information, please contact Erin Schmelzer, 563-880-7471 or eschmelzer@smic.pvt.k12.ia.us

Upcoming Parish Events . . .

(BH is Brinkmann Hall; PC is Parish Center)

- Aug 12: Women’s Faith Sharing, PC
- Aug 18/19: Parish Life sponsoring the Bender’s Cookout
- Aug 25/26: KCs sponsoring the Bender’s Cookout
- Aug 26: Women’s Faith Sharing, PC

Aug 27: Blessing of Backpacks

Sep 5: KC Mtg, 7:30pm

Please email items for the bulletin by 7:30am Wednesday morning to OfficeOfStMary@gmail.com